

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 5:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This is a continuation of PCT application No. PCT/EP02/02075, entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING TRANSVERSE FLOWS IN A SHEET FORMING DEVICE", filed February 27, 2002.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 21:

The present invention can be utilized advantageously to influence at least one of the following properties of the fiber material web:

- Forming
- Tear length ratio R_u/R_Q RL L/Q

The aforementioned Tear ratio is especially significant with sack papers and format-type papers like wood-free copying paper.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 8:

Figs. 3a and 3d further show top views of wire guiding and dewatering elements 4 according to the present invention, all of which are designed as inclined curved short foils 4.2, or straight short foils 4.3. The at least one wire is not illustrated. As depicted in Figs. 3a and 3b, short foils 4.2 and short strips 4.3 are positioned in several rows diagonally to the direction of wire travel S (arrow) and parallel to each other. In Fig. 3c short strips 4.3 are positioned in a herringbone pattern (2 rows), transversely to the direction of wire travel S (arrow), together with overlap U, offset V and separation T at angles α_1, α_2 , where angles α_1, α_2 , are examples of angles

of attack. In contrast, short strips 4.3 in Fig. 3d are arranged at an angle α toward each other, including overlap \tilde{U} , viewed in direction of wire travel S (arrow).